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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: GPAF DEMARCHE SPURS FOOD SECURITY
DISCUSSIONS

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(SBU) Emboff delivered reftel demarche to members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Ministry of Fisheries, and discussed the concept of the Global Partnership for Agriculture and Food (GPAF) with local representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Food Program (WFP). As a net food importer that relies heavily on regional neighbors to feed its population, the GRN is likely to look favorably on any initiative that will help Namibia lessen its dependence on food imports. Most Namibian government (GRN) officials expressed interest in learning more about GPAF.

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